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| 2 | | THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION |
| 4 | | OF SOUTH CAROLINA |
| 5 6 | | DOCKET NO. 2014-399-WS |
| | Inc. Ser Util | nt Application of Carolina Water Service, , United Utility Companies, Inc., Utilities vices of South Carolina, Inc. and Southland lities, Inc. for approval of transfer of stock merger. DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RICHARD J. DURHAM) |
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| 8 | Q: | PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: |
| 9 | A: | My name is Richard J. Durham, I am the President of the Utilities, Inc. ("UI") companies in South |
| 10 | | Carolina. My business address is 150 Foster Brothers Drive, West Columbia, South Carolina, |
| 11 | | 29172. |
| 12 | Q: | WHO ARE UTILITIES, INC.'s SOUTH CAROLINA COMPANIES? |
| 13 | A: | Utilities, Inc. has four South Carolina subsidiaries: Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS"), United |
| 14 | | Utility Companies, Inc. ("United"), Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") and |
| 15 | | Southland Utilities, Inc. ("Southland"). Each is a certificated water and/or wastewater service |
| 16 | | (Southland provides only water service) in South Carolina, and these companies are the joint |
| 17 | | applicants in this proceeding. I will refer to them collectively throughout my testimony as "the |
| 18 | | Joint Applicants." |
| 19 | Q: | WHICH AREAS OF THE STATE DO THE JOINT APPLICANTS SERVE? |
| 20 | A: | The Joint Applicants provide service across the state. CWS provides water and sewer service in |
| 21 | | portions of Aiken, Beaufort, Georgetown, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, York and |

Williamsburg counties. United provides water and sewer service in portions of Anderson, 1 2 Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, and Union counties. USSC provides water and sewer service 3 to the public for compensation in portions of Abbeville, Anderson, Lexington, Richland, 4 Saluda, Sumter and York counties. Southland provides water service to the public for compensation in portions of Lexington County. A map illustrating the Joint Applicants' locations 5 in South Carolina is attached as Exhibit RJD-1 to this testimony, and a list of the subdivisions 6 7 they serve is attached to their Application as Exhibits A-D. Q: WHAT ARE THE JOINT APPLICANTS ASKING FOR IN THIS PROCEEDING? 8 9 A: The Joint Applicants are asking for the Commission's approval to merge into Carolina Water 10 Service, Inc. HOW WOULD THE MERGER BE ACCOMPLISHED? 11 Q: 12 A: The Board of Directors of each of the Joint Applicants would adopt the "Plan of Merger," attached as Exhibit E to the Application, which would result in United, USSC, and Southland 13 14 being merged into CWS. As a result, CWS would become UI's only certificated utility in South Carolina. 15 Q. WHY DO THE JOINT APPLICANTS WANT TO MERGE? 16 We believe that operating one water and wastewater utility in South Carolina will be more 17 A: 18 efficient and economical than operating four. Q: WHAT WILL THE RESULTING COMPANY LOOK LIKE? 19 20 A: CWS will serve 14,908 water customers and 15,242 sewer customers in 16 counties. As 21 discussed in the Consolidation Plan included with our application, the company will make

approximately \$5.5 million per year in capital expenditures in 2014 and 2015.

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Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE JOINT APPLICANTS ARE CURRENTLY OPERATED. 1 A: The Joint Applicants are jointly operated. They are supported by forty-eight employees in South 2 3 Carolina, who are employed by Water Service Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utilities, Inc. that provides personnel and payroll services to its companies across the country and 4 5 in South Carolina. Our state headquarters is located at 150 Foster Brothers Drive, in West 6 Columbia. We also have operations offices in Rock Hill and in Anderson. Our customer service 7 call centers are located in Florida, North Carolina and Nevada, and these services are shared by 8 UI's other state operations. Other shared services that support the state operations including 9 South Carolina are human resources, information technology, corporate accounting and billing. Q: WHY WILL EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMIES BE ACHIEVED THROUGH A MERGER OF 10 THE FOUR COMPANIES? 11 12 A: Efficiency and economies will be achieved in several ways. On a basic level, operating four 13 companies in South Carolina means filing four sets of corporate filings such as tax return and 14 gross receipts reports each year. We also bring separate rate cases before the Commission for 15 each company, incurring added regulatory expense. Consolidating into CWS will also allow us 16 to establish a clear brand identity with our customers and increase operational accountability. 17 Our accounting operations and vendors will also benefit from the simplified corporate structure: 18 for example, we often have contractors who work for more than one of the South Carolina 19 companies, and bills are often mistakenly addressed to one company instead of another. 20 Q: ARE YOU ABLE TO QUANTIFY ANY SAVINGS THAT WILL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE MERGER? 21 22 A: No, we cannot do so at this time. Because our companies already operate with the same support

- structure and personnel, this merger will not result in the elimination of personnel or the closing of corporate offices, as corporate mergers or acquisitions between unrelated companies often do. The advantages derived from our merger transaction will be more subtle, but I do believe that
- 5 Q: WOULD CUSTOMERS' RATES BE AFFECTED AS A RESULT OF THE MERGER?
- A: No. In our application we explicitly requested that CWS be allowed to maintain the tariffs
 currently in effect for the customers served by the Joint Applicants. Therefore, those customers
 presently served by United would be billed according to the existing United tariffs, Southland
 customers would be billed according to that company's tariffs, and so on.
- 10 Q: WILL CUSTOMER SERVICE BE AFFECTED BY THE MERGER?

they will become obvious over time.

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- A: 11 There certainly will not be any adverse effect on customer service. CWS files a Performance Report with the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Commission on a quarterly basis, pursuant to 12 13 Commission Order 2013-606. The report tracks call center performance, billing complaints and 14 customer service complaints. I have attached copies of CWS's Performance Reports for 2014 to 15 my testimony as Exhibit RJD-2. The reports show that our call center wait times are low, our 16 billing is accurate, and our customer complaint rate is generally a little over one percent. The 17 other UI Subsidiaries are served by the same call center and personnel, and deliver the same levels of customer service. 18
- 19 Q: WILL THE COMPANY APPLY TO CONSOLIDATE ITS TARIFFS IN THE FUTURE?
- 20 A: We believe that uniform tariffs will be advantageous for our customers, so it is a possibility that
 21 we want to explore. When the consolidated company files a rate case, which will probably
 22 happen later this year, we will look at the capital investment, expenses and revenues for each of

- the former companies and determine whether a transition to a uniform tariff is feasible. Of course, the new rate structure could only be implemented with the Commission's approval.
- 3 Q: WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT UNIFORM TARIFFS COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR
- 4 YOUR CUSTOMERS?

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- Consolidation of operating units and their rates generally results in spreading out the impact of capital investments, expenses, or revenue shortfalls. Some of the current subsidiaries are quite small, and if they should require a major expenditure, it could have a significant impact on rates.

 That impact would be diluted by combining the companies. Even CWS's current customers, who belong to the company's largest subsidiary, would benefit from a bigger customer pool. This is especially true because none of the South Carolina companies is in worse shape than another, operationally.
- 12 Q: WHY DID YOU DISCUSS UNIFORM TARIFFS IN THE BUSINESS UNITS
 13 CONSOLIDATON PLAN FILED AS EXHIBIT F TO THE APPLICATION?
 - We realized that the first thing most of our customers would want to know about this application is how it would affect their rates, so we wanted to reassure them that approval of the merger, described as "Phase 1" in the Plan, would not affect their rates. However, we also wanted to be transparent about our belief that consolidated rates are eventually the optimal way to go for this company, so we made the case for them in "Phase 2" of the Plan. If the Joint Applicants had not requested this consolidation, there would not be an opportunity for the Commission to determine whether there will be benefits afforded to the company and its customers in subsequent rate case filings to operate under a uniform tariff(s). Filing this request for consolidation in this proceeding is a pre-requisite that will enable the Commission to study uniform tariffs in future proceedings.

- 1 Q: ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY ADVERSE EFFECT THAT CONSOLIDATION WOULD
- 2 HAVE ON THE JOINT APPLICANTS' CUSTOMERS?
- 3 A: No.
- 4 Q: WHAT ARE THE JOINT APPLICANTS' REQUEST OF THIS COMMISSION?
- 5 A: On behalf of the Joint Applicants, I would respectfully request that the Commission approve this
- 6 application as being in the public interest.

EXHIBIT RJD-1

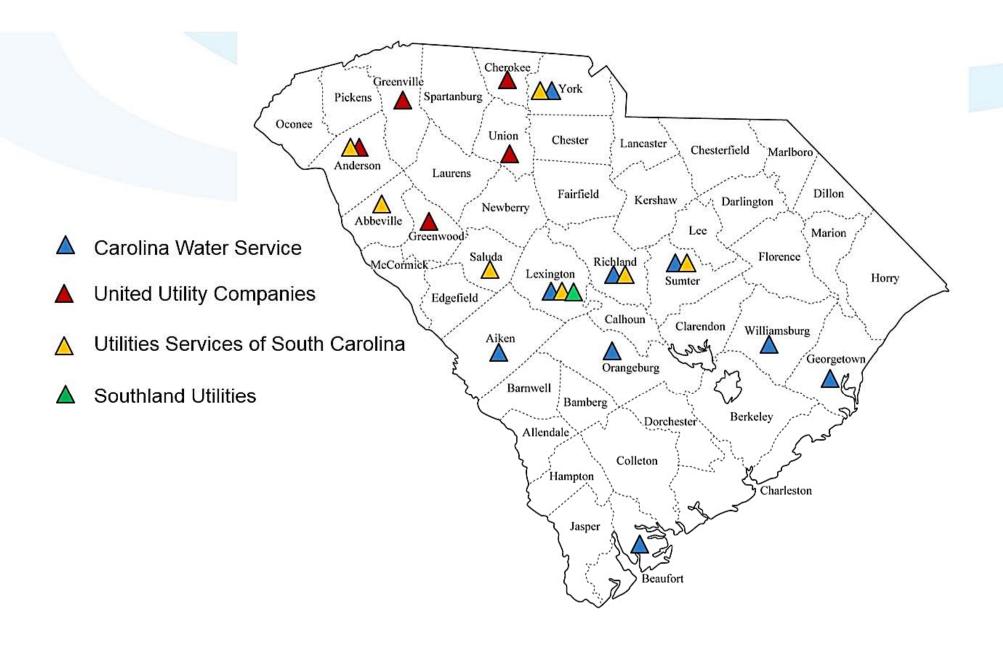


EXHIBIT RJD-2

VERIFICATION UNDER OATH REGARDING ACCURACY OF SERVICE OBJECTIVES REPORT

| behalf of <u>Carolina Water Service, Inc.</u> Order No. <u>2013-606</u> ; that I have review made reasonable inquiry into the accur best of my knowledge, information, and and true, no material information or fact of the information contained in said Rep | st that the attached Service Objectives Report is filed on (Name of Public Utility as certificated) as required by ed said Report and, in the exercise of due diligence, have racy of the information provided therein; and that, to the belief, all of the information contained therein is accurate thas been knowingly omitted or misstated therein, and all port has been prepared and presented in accordance with commission Rules, and Commission Orders. |
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| | Signature of Person Making Verification |
| | Director of Billing & Regulatory Relations Job Title /// Date |
| | Subscribed and sworn before me this the 15th day of January 2015. Notary Public My Commission Expires: 112 2017 |
| | wy Commission expires: |

ANN M. RAPONI Notary Public - State of Florida My Comm. Expires Jul 12, 2017 Commission # EE 985034

Panded Through National Notary Assn.

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| # of Bills Rendered | 12308 | 11976 | 12769 | 37053 | 12481 | 12546 | 12415 | 37442 | 12643 | 12095 | 12607 | 37345 | 12992 | 12060 | 13346 | 38398 | 150238 |
| % of Billing Accuracy | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 100.0% | 99.9% | 99.8% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.7% | 99.9% | 99.8% | 99.9% |
| Summary of Causes or | f Billing <i>i</i> | Adjustme | nts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Billed in Error | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Rate Change | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrong Bill Cycle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrong Customer Billed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrong Period Billed | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 25 |
| Wrong Rate | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 23 |
| Wrong Read | 11 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 32 | 16 | 33 | 10 | 59 | 140 |
| # of Billing Exceptions | 3747 | 699 | 4524 | 8970 | 441 | 1299 | 520 | 2260 | 1393 | 1714 | 310 | 3417 | 832 | 278 | 442 | 1552 | 16199 |
| Avg # of Days to Resolve Billing Exceptions | 1.11 | 1.72 | 1.07 | 1.30 | 1.90 | 2.24 | 1.37 | 1.84 | 1.44 | 1.07 | 2.13 | 1.55 | 1.24 | 1.39 | 1.52 | 1.38 | 1.52 |

Call Center Operations

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| # of Calls Received at all Centers | 26020 | 19875 | 22424 | 68319 | 24264 | 27232 | 26649 | 78145 | 26961 | 24896 | 27705 | 79562 | 30122 | 22267 | 26960 | 79349 | 305375 |
| *Average Speed of Answer / Service Level | 90.1% | 94.1% | 95.0% | 93.1% | 95.6% | 89.0% | 79.0% | 87.9% | 72.5% | 71.5% | 71.7% | 71.9% | 94.9% | 95.2% | 83.8% | 91.3% | 86.0% |
| Abandon Rate | 1.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 3.0% | 1.3% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 7.0% | 5.7% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 3.0% | 1.3% | 2.3% |
| Longest Wait Time in Queue | 0:37:01 | 1:55:09 | 0:37:23 | 1:55:09 | 0:19:17 | 0:22:12 | 0:41:38 | 0:41:38 | 0:40:39 | 0:35:33 | 0:40:08 | 0:40:39 | 5:56:35 | 1:52:32 | 0:20:23 | 5:56:35 | 5:56:35 |
| Average Wait Time | 0:00:49 | 0:00:47 | 0:00:35 | 0:00:44 | 0:00:32 | 0:00:51 | 0:01:18 | 0:00:54 | 0:01:32 | 0:01:40 | 0:02:15 | 0:01:49 | 0:00:41 | 0:00:45 | 0:01:35 | 0:01:00 | 0:01:07 |
| Average Customer Treatment Time | 0:04:57 | 0:04:52 | 0:04:57 | 0:04:55 | 0:04:43 | 0:04:21 | 0:04:26 | 0:04:30 | 0:04:31 | 0:04:38 | 0:04:42 | 0:04:37 | 0:04:42 | 0:04:29 | 0:04:23 | 0:04:31 | 0:04:38 |

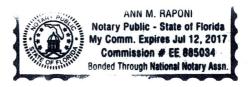
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| # of Complaints Received | 146 | 128 | 123 | 397 | 135 | 162 | 105 | 402 | 139 | 131 | 123 | 393 | 141 | 113 | 146 | 400 | 1592 |
| % of Unresolved Complaints Issued Notice to Contact ORS | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Complaint Rate | 1.17% | 1.02% | 0.98% | 1.06% | 1.07% | 1.28% | 0.83% | 1.06% | 1.10% | 1.03% | 0.97% | 1.03% | 1.10% | 0.88% | 1.14% | 1.04% | 1.05% |
| Types and Number of Type | es of Call | s Receive | d from C\ | WS Custo | mers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| High Bill Investigation | 26 | 23 | 24 | 73 | 29 | 16 | 14 | 59 | 16 | 19 | 27 | 62 | 30 | 22 | 30 | 82 | 276 |
| Air in Water | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Clogged Sewer | 16 | 14 | 8 | 38 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 35 | 14 | 14 | 9 | 37 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 56 | 166 |
| Discolored Water | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 33 |
| General Investigation | 42 | 28 | 32 | 102 | 22 | 39 | 25 | 86 | 27 | 28 | 23 | 78 | 19 | 18 | 24 | 61 | 327 |
| High or Low Pressure in the Water | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 19 | 8 | 0 | 27 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 68 |
| Lawn Repair for Sewer Breaks | 1 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 24 |
| Lawn Repair for Water Breaks | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 39 |
| Lift Station Problems | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 30 |
| Mineral Amount in Water | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| No Water | 9 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 51 |
| Noise in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Odor in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 20 |
| Repair/Replace Meter Box | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 42 |
| Repair Road | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 30 |
| Sewer Main Break | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Sewer Miscellaneous Complaint | 8 | 12 | 13 | 33 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 36 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 28 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 21 | 118 |
| Sewer Service Line Break | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 28 |
| Taste or Odor in Water | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Water Quality | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Water Main Break | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 28 |
| Water Miscellaneous Complaint | 6 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 57 |
| Water Service Line Break | 17 | 13 | 9 | 39 | 7 | 20 | 12 | 39 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 55 | 19 | 14 | 13 | 46 | 179 |
| Test Meter | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 31 |

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| | Signature of Person Making Verification |
| | Director of Billing & Regulatory Relations Job Title 10/15/14 Date |
| | Subscribed and sworn before me this the 15th day of October 2014. Notary Public My Commission Expires: 7 12 2017 |
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| Lift Station Problems | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 20 |
| Mineral Amount in Water | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| No Water | 9 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 40 |
| Noise in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Odor in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Repair/Replace Meter Box | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 29 |
| Repair Road | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 22 |
| Sewer Main Break | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Sewer Miscellaneous Complaint | 8 | 12 | 13 | 33 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 36 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 28 | 97 |
| Sewer Service Line Break | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 22 |
| Taste or Odor in Water | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
| Water Quality | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 14 |
| Water Main Break | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 21 |
| Water Miscellaneous Complaint | 6 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 45 |
| Water Service Line Break | 17 | 13 | 9 | 39 | 7 | 20 | 12 | 39 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 55 | 133 |
| Test Meter | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 23 |

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| behalf of <u>Carolina Water Service, Inc.</u> Order No. <u>2013-606</u> ; that I have reviewed made reasonable inquiry into the accurabest of my knowledge, information, and and true, no material information or fact of the information contained in said Rep | st that the attached Service Objectives Report is filed on (Name of Public Utility as certificated) as required by ed said Report and, in the exercise of due diligence, have racy of the information provided therein; and that, to the belief, all of the information contained therein is accurate thas been knowingly omitted or misstated therein, and all port has been prepared and presented in accordance with ommission Rules, and Commission Orders. |
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| | Cavahh |
| | Signature of Person Making Verification |
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| | <u>Director of Billing & Regulatory Relations</u> Job Title |
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| | 7/8/14 |
| | Date |
| | Subscribed and sworn before me this the day |
| | Wich M. Kapmi |
| | Notary Public My Commission Expires: 7 12 2017 |
| | ANN M. RAPONI Notary Public - State of Florida |
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Billing Results - CWS Call Center Performance - All Call Centers (not CWS specific) Customer Complaints - CWS

Report Submitted: July 14, 2014

Customer Billing

| Performance Metrics | Jan Actual | Feb Actual | Mar Actual | 1Q14 Actual | Apr Actual | May Actual | June Actual | 2Q14 Actual | YTD |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| # of Bills Rendered | 12308 | 11976 | 12769 | 37053 | 12481 | 12546 | 12415 | 37442 | 74495 |
| % of Billing Accuracy | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 99.9% | 100.0% | 99.9% | 99.9% |
| Summary of Causes of | Billing A | djustmen | ts | | | | | | |
| Billed in Error | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Rate Change | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrong Bill Cycle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrong Customer Billed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrong Period Billed | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Wrong Rate | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Wrong Read | 11 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 20 | 49 |
| # of Billing Exceptions | 3747 | 699 | 4524 | 8970 | 441 | 1299 | 520 | 2260 | 11230 |
| Avg # of Days to Resolve Billing Exceptions | 1.11 | 1.72 | 1.07 | 1.30 | 1.90 | 2.24 | 1.37 | 1.84 | 1.57 |

Call Center Operations

| Performance Metrics | Jan Actual | Feb Actual | Mar Actual | 1Q14 Actual | Apr Actual | May Actual | June Actual | 2Q14 Actual | YTD |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| # of Calls Received at all Centers | 26020 | 19875 | 22424 | 68319 | 24264 | 27232 | 26649 | 78145 | 146464 |
| *Average Speed of Answer / Service Level | 90.1% | 94.1% | 95.0% | 93.1% | 95.6% | 89.0% | 79.0% | 87.9% | 90.5% |
| Abandon Rate | 1.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 3.0% | 1.3% | 1.0% |
| Longest Wait Time in Queue | 0:37:01 | 1:55:09 | 0:37:23 | 1:55:09 | 0:19:17 | 0:22:12 | 0:41:38 | 0:41:38 | 1:55:09 |
| Average Wait Time | 0:00:49 | 0:00:47 | 0:00:35 | 0:00:44 | 0:00:32 | 0:00:51 | 0:01:18 | 0:00:54 | 0:00:49 |
| Average Customer Treatment Time | 0:04:57 | 0:04:52 | 0:04:57 | 0:04:55 | 0:04:43 | 0:04:21 | 0:04:26 | 0:04:30 | 0:04:43 |

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Customer Complaints

| Performance Metrics | Jan Actual | Feb Actual | Mar Actual | 1Q14 Actual | Apr Actual | May Actual | June Actual | 2Q14 Actual | YTD |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| # of Complaints Received | 146 | 128 | 123 | 397 | 135 | 162 | 105 | 402 | 799 |
| % of Unresolved Complaints Issued Notice to Contact ORS | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Complaint Rate | 1.17% | 1.02% | 0.98% | 1.06% | 1.07% | 1.28% | 0.83% | 1.06% | 1.06% |
| Types and Number of Typ | es of Cal | Is Receiv | ed from (| CWS Cus | tomers | | | | |
| High Bill Investigation | 26 | 23 | 24 | 73 | 29 | 16 | 14 | 59 | 132 |
| Air in Water | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clogged Sewer | 16 | 14 | 8 | 38 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 35 | 73 |
| Discolored Water | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 11 |
| General Investigation | 42 | 28 | 32 | 102 | 22 | 39 | 25 | 86 | 188 |
| High or Low Pressure in the Water | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 26 |
| Lawn Repair for Sewer Breaks | 1 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 16 |
| Lawn Repair for Water Breaks | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| Lift Station Problems | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 15 |
| Mineral Amount in Water | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| No Water | 9 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 28 |
| Noise in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Odor in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 10 |
| Repair/Replace Meter Box | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 24 |
| Repair Road | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 18 |
| Sewer Main Break | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Sewer Miscellaneous Complaint | 8 | 12 | 13 | 33 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 36 | 69 |
| Sewer Service Line Break | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 18 |
| Taste or Odor in Water | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| Water Quality | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| Water Main Break | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Water Miscellaneous Complaint | 6 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 27 |
| Water Service Line Break | 17 | 13 | 9 | 39 | 7 | 20 | 12 | 39 | 78 |
| Test Meter | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 14 |

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| I , Karen Sasic, state and atte | st that the attached Service Objectives Report is filed on |
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| | (Name of Public Utility as certificated) as required by |
| Order No. 2013-606; that I have reviewed | ed said Report and, in the exercise of due diligence, have |
| made reasonable inquiry into the accur | racy of the information provided therein; and that, to the |
| best of my knowledge, information, and | belief, all of the information contained therein is accurate |
| and true, no material information or fact | t has been knowingly omitted or misstated therein, and all |
| of the information contained in said Rep | port has been prepared and presented in accordance with |
| all applicable South Carolina statutes, Co | ommission Rules, and Commission Orders. |
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| | Signature of Person Making Verification |
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| | of April 2014 |
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| Lawn Repair for Sewer Breaks | 1 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 8 |
| Lawn Repair for Water Breaks | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
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| No Water | 9 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 16 |
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| Odor in Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Repair Road | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Sewer Main Break | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
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| Sewer Service Line Break | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 11 |
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